Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 05 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Thursday 06 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 05 Jan 2022 at 03:11 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for brief window of quieter weather on Wednesday. Also high confidence for return to changeable, often cold, windy conditions from Thursday onwards.

Headline for Wednesday 05 Jan 2022: Some lighter snow showers at first in north, becoming dry with sunny spells and lighter winds. Staying cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 05 Jan 2022

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	10%	10%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Wednesday 05 Jan 2022

Weather: A drier and bright day on Wednesday with sunny spells and much lighter winds. The last of the snow showers dying out during the morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% at first, then chances improving 90% during morning.

Visibility: Patches of very poor visibility at first in association with snow showers, cloud bases about 600 to 700m. Otherwise the air will have great clarity resulting in excellent visibility and occasional cloud cover mostly above the tops.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	37/42 N	30/35 N	19/23 NW	15/17 NW	7/8 SE	8/10 S	14/18 SE
900	33/39 N	27/32 N	16/20 NW	12/15 NW	6/8 SE	8/10 S	13/17 SE
600	22/28 N	16/21 N	9/13 NW	6/9 NW	3/5 SE	8/10 S	10/14 SE
300	4/29 N	4/24 N	3/16 NW	2/12 NW	1/4 N	2/6 S	2/9 SE
Glen	10/25 N	8/20 N	6/15 N	5/10 N	4/6 NE	5/7 E	8/12 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-5/-15	-5/-14	-5/-12	-5/-11	-5/-9	-5/-10	-5/-12
900	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-8	-4/-9	-4/-11
600	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-6	-2/-5	-2/-4	-2/-6	-2/-8
300	0/-2	-0/-3	0/-2	-0/-2	-3/-5	-7/-9	-5/-7
Glen	3/-1	2/-1	3/-0	3/0	1/-2	1/-2	1/-3
Freezing Level*	300m	200m	300m	200m	200m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Much improved conditions in the hills during the day. Note even with lighter winds in afternoon, it will still feel bitterly cold on the tops.

Forecast for Thursday 06 Jan 2022

Weather: Dry start but soon becoming cloudy. Outbreaks of sleet and snow will spread eastwards during the morning, followed by blustery showers in the evening. Snow will turn to rain below about 500m for a time. Snow accompanied by southerly gales resulting in blizzard conditions over higher ridges and summits, and will be heaviest over Knoydart and Skye. Some drier periods during the day in north and east of area, towards Ben Hope and Ben Wyvis.

Maximum wind: Southerly winds, average speeds 30 increasing 40mph during morning with gusts 60mph over the tops by afternoon. Winds becoming southwesterly in evening and speeds decreasing a little.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60% at first becoming 30% during morning.

Visibility: Good for a time in morning then very poor as snow sets in with clouds coming well down the hills. Visibility will remain good at times during the day in north and east of area with clouds about 600 to 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius at dawn, recovering to plus 3 Celsius by midday.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius rising to Minus 1 Celsius for a time.
Freezing level: 200M rising to 700M for a time then falling to 400m during evening.

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